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When Jesus raised His eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to Him, He said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5).

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MASSES & CONFESSIONS

Masses—Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday Masses: 6:00 and 8:00 a.m.
(the 8:00 a.m. daily and the Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Masses are LIVE STREAMED on our Facebook
page AND on our YouTube channel).

**Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (in *Spanish),
Wednesday & Thursday EVENINGS:** 7:00 p.m.
(these are also LIVE STREAMED)

CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE)-Wednesdays from
8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m.
and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: Register online

Weddings: Register online
at least six months in advance

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office.



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or on the Church's website >Our School > Videos

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings, everyone!

If today, July 25th, was not a Sunday, we would be celebrating the feast of St. James, the brother of St. John (Jesus nicknamed them the “Sons of Thunder”). St. James’ Basilica in northern Spain is one of the most ancient pilgrimage sites in the Catholic Church: Santiago de Compostela. To walk even a little of the pilgrim route is an amazing experience. I hope and pray that you are able to go there someday and experience it for yourself!

Also today, we begin listening to the Sixth Chapter of the Gospel of St. John and will continue soaking in this key chapter on the Bread of Life, the Eucharist, for the next few Sundays. Today we hear the part about Jesus multiplying the bread and fish for the people. A similar miracle happened a few years ago when a group of parishioners crossed the border from the U.S. into Mexico to share food with their neighboring parish. They didn’t bring enough food but somehow trusted that the Lord would provide; they were able to keep serving the food until everyone was fed! Everyone agreed that there was no way that they had enough food to feed all those people but, somehow, they were all still fed!!! Thank you, Jesus, for your ongoing signs and wonders that help us trust in your love for each one of us! **-Fraternally, Fr Thomas, OCD**

P.S.: Here are some more passages from *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook* about the working of the Holy Spirit in the early Church (pages 84-87). **Note:** Copies of this book are available for purchase in the office.

Interestingly, Cyprian includes among the gifts of the Spirit the reconciliation of enemies and the quelling of violence—gifts that are also being powerfully manifested in the world today. It is striking how often the early Christian bishops and other teachers sought to stir up in the catechumens a desire for supernatural gifts. The normal expectation was that when people were newly reborn in Christ, the Holy Spirit would impart these charisms to equip them for their mission as Christ’s witnesses in the world. Tertullian (160-225), for example, exhorted the catechumens to pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit: “You blessed ones, for whom the grace of God is waiting, when you come up from the most sacred bath of the new birth, when you spread out your hands for the first time in your mother's house with your brethren, ask your Father, ask your Lord, for the special gift of His inheritance, the distributed charisms. ‘Ask,’ He says, ‘and you shall receive.’”

The “bath of the new birth” is baptism, and “your mother's house” is the Christian community, the Church. The “spreading out of hands” refers to standing with arms raised and palms open, the customary posture for praising God in the ancient Church. St. Cyril (318-386 AD), bishop of Jerusalem, explained to catechumens how the Holy Spirit would pour out diverse gifts among them: “The Holy Spirit...distributes His grace to each, according to His will (1 Cor. 12:11), for He employs the tongue of one person for wisdom; the soul of another He enlightens by prophecy; to another He gives power to drive away devils; to another He gives ability to interpret the divine Scriptures.” Cyril was not content merely to impart information about the gifts. He recognized the need to awaken expectant faith for the gifts, so he urged the catechumens: “Let each one prepare himself to receive the heavenly gift of prophecy. If you believe, you will not only receive forgiveness of sins, but also do things that surpass human power. ...My final words, beloved ones, are words of exhortation, urging all of you to prepare your souls for receiving the heavenly charisms.”

Another bishop, St. Hilary of Poitiers (300-368 AD), explained that the gifts may be manifested in small ways at first, but they grow with use: “We who have been reborn through the Sacrament of Baptism experience intense joy when we feel within us the first stirrings of the Holy Spirit.

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HEALING MISSION IN AUGUST!



We will be hosting a very special **HEALING MISSION** here at St. Therese on **Monday, August 16, and Tuesday, August 17**, at your choice of **9:00 a.m.** in the morning or **7:00 p.m.** in the evening (same talk).

John Cojanis (pronounced Co-Janice), a Catholic Lay Missionary from the Diocese of Tucson, Arizona, will conduct it. Over 2,500 Catholic Priests—as well as bishops, archbishops, and several Cardinals—are familiar with John's work within the Catholic Church, with over one thousand of them having heard him speak at a Catholic Church somewhere in America.

Many spiritual and emotional healings have taken place through John's ministry and—over the last forty years of his full-time work within the Church—a large number of physical healings have occurred at each and every Catholic Church he has spoken at.

Make sure you put the dates in your calendar now!

(Conclusion to the excerpts from the previous page)

We begin to have insight into the mysteries of faith; we are able to prophesy and speak with wisdom. We become steadfast in hope and receive abundant gifts of healing. Demons are made subject to our authority. These gifts enter us as a gentle rain. Little by little, they bear abundant fruit."

One of the greatest theologians in history, St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD), had assumed as a young bishop that miracles and other supernatural gifts had ceased after the age of the apostles. But Augustine was forced to change his mind when he witnessed so many remarkable healings. He even established the practice of recording these wonderful works of God to ensure that they would not be forgotten: "I realized how many miracles were occurring in our own day...and how wrong it would be to allow the memory of these miracles of divine power to perish among the people. ...It is only two years ago that the keeping of records was begun here in Hippo and, already at this writing, we have more than seventy attested miracles."

Augustine records the details of many of these miracles in his great work, *The City of God*. One that he witnessed personally involved a friend who was afflicted with horrible injury. The man had already undergone one operation but needed a second. Augustine wrote, "The man began to pray with earnestness and emotion, and with a flood of tears, groans, and sobs that shook his whole body. His conduct diverted my attention and I could not pray at all. I briefly said in my heart: 'O Lord, what prayers of your people do you hear if you do not hear these?' The dreaded day dawned and the surgeons arrived. While those who had the most influence with the patient were cheering his fainting spirit, the knots of the bandages were untied and the part was bared; the surgeon examined it and, with knife in hand, eagerly looked for the sinus to be cut but found a perfectly firm cicatrix! No words of mine can describe the joy, and praise, and thanksgiving to the merciful and almighty God, which was poured from the lips of all with tears of gladness. Let the scene be imagined rather than described!"

It is noteworthy that this cure, like so many others, did not involve anyone known for a particular gift of healing, just a suffering person surrounded by his friends, all praying together fervently for the Lord to heal.



VESPERS & SUMMER CONCERT



Join the Avila Group for an evening of prayer, worship, and fellowship **THIS COMING SATURDAY, JULY 31**, as follows:

- 4:30 p.m.—Vespers in the church
- 5:00 p.m.—Vigil Mass
- 6:00 p.m.—**Concert and Dinner in the Guadalupe Courtyard (entrance by the Adoration Chapel)**

Admission is \$15 each (paid at the door), which includes your dinner and drink AND your Concert ticket.

For any questions, e-mail AvilaYoungAdults@gmail.com.

BACK TO THE MASKS: With the current increase of COVID-19 cases in L.A. County, the Archdiocese has decided to follow the L.A. County Health Department. Everyone entering the church is **AGAIN REQUIRED to wear a mask** (effective as of last Saturday, July 16, 2021). For any additional questions, please contact the Archdiocesan COVID response team: Marina at Mamacchiagodena@la-archdiocese.org or Isaac at icuevas@la-archdiocese.org.



CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH ST. JOSEPH

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FOR THOSE ALREADY CONSECRATED TO ST. JOSEPH!

If you have already made a Consecration to St. Joseph, we recommend the book, *Consecration to Jesus through Saint Joseph: An Integrated Look at the Holy Family*. This book looks at the Holy Family through the lens of St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. Dr. Gregory Bottaro and Jennifer Settle have prepared this **devotional journal exercise** to bring into focus the spiritual (virtues) as well as the psychological (characteristics) realities of being human, reflecting on the full humanity of St. Joseph, Our Lady, and Jesus. **This is a private, simple, and humble devotion, which began Friday, July 2, and continues until the Consecration on Sunday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption.**

You can purchase this book for \$10 in the parish office OR you can buy it on Kindle or Amazon. **If you want to take part in the consecration on August 15, contact Maria Alejandra de Jesus at 993-4236.**

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, October 1, 2021

The Discalced Carmelite Friars of St. Therese invite everyone to attend Saint Therese School's annual event:

The Little Way Dinner and Benefit Auction

This year's recipients of the Lantry Award will be parishioners Bernhard and Kay Tittmann.

The event will be held at Almansor Court in Alhambra on **Friday, October 1**, and will include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a three-course dinner, both silent and live auctions, and dancing to the live band music of Modern Cocktail Society. To purchase a ticket or make a donation, go to <https://one.bidpal.net/stcsauction/welcome>.

You can also purchase a table of ten to treat your friends to our fundraising night and receive sponsor recognition in our program! OR purchase a sponsorship to cover the meal costs of a Carmelite friar, Carmelite sister, faculty, or staff member!



MASSES & DEVOTIONS

- **MONDAY MEDITATION NIGHTS:** Join us every MONDAY evening to strengthen your faith! The schedule is as follows: 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:00 p.m.: Adoration; 8:00-8:30 p.m.: Teaching/Meditation.
- **TUESDAY NIGHTS:** Mass Celebrated in SPANISH! Join us at 7:00 p.m.
- **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS:** St. Joseph Prayer Group meets at 3:00 p.m. in front of St. Joseph's statue.
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:** Now celebrating every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., with confessions at 8:00 p.m.
- **THURSDAY NIGHTS:** Join us every THURSDAY evening in HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH! The schedule is: 6:30 p.m.: Viewing of an Episode of The Chosen; 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:30 p.m.: Adoration and *HEALING PRAYER (*in the main vestibule and on the sides of the church).
- **FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** Come and honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus by attending Mass at 7:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Next will be FRIDAY, June 4, followed by adoration AND *HEALING PRAYER (*in the main vestibule and on the sides of the church).
- **SATURDAY NIGHT HEALING PRAYER TRAINING:** Join us in the church on Saturday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- ***HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** Held during Adoration every Thursday evening and every First Friday evening.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



July 17 / 18, 2021
 Unrestricted..... \$10,471.00
 Restricted\$ 265.00
T O T A L\$10,736.00

June 19 / 20.....\$19,518.00
 June 25 / 26.....\$10,840.00
 July 3 / 4.....\$15,895.00
 July 10 / 11.....\$22,976.00

CHECK USERS: Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

BECOME A LAY MINISTER!

WE ARE SEEKING



...parishioners to serve as **SACRISTANS** (those who prepare the altar for the celebration of Mass) and as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!**

Now that the Covid restrictions have been lifted, Fr. Thomas is asking for people to come forward to become active in these two ministries—more people are needed for both the weekday Masses and the Sunday Masses (sacristans are also needed to prepare for funeral Masses).

Training will be provided at a later date. If you are interested, please call the office at 282-2744 (ext. 0) and leave your **name**, your phone **number**, and which of the two **ministries** interests you, and someone will get back to you. **Think of this invitation as Jesus sending you forth, as He did the disciples in today's Gospel reading.**



\$50 Million Donation!



The Catholic Education Foundation of Los Angeles has received a \$50 million donation to provide scholarships to deserving new students of the schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Catholic school students are now back in the classroom—on the road toward graduation and becoming the future leaders of tomorrow! The Catholic Education Foundation has received a \$50 million gift to provide financial support to new elementary and high school students enrolling in an Archdiocesan school in Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara counties. Catholic education is affordable and tuition assistance is available!

Families interested in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Catholic schools are encouraged to visit lacatholicschools.org or call (213) 637-7070 for more information and access to financial assistance. Schools are enrolling now for Fall.

To find out about enrolling your child(ren) in Saint Therese Carmelite School—one of only two schools in the Archdiocese using a Classical Curriculum!—contact the office at 289-3364 or email principal@SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com.

NEW! Mass & Confession on Wednesday Evenings!

We have added a Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mass and Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Confessions to our weekly schedule. That means you can attend evening Mass here at St. Therese at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday (Spanish), Wednesday, Thursday, and every First Friday of each month. Confessions are now heard on Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., as well as on Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m., and on Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.



Mass Intentions

July 24 through July 31, 2021

Saturday:

5:00 pm: Raymond Reyes, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Jonathan Alex Chavez, B-Day INT

7:30 am: Bernie Sasts, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Arturo Esteban, RIP

11:00 a.m.: James Grimm, 18th B-Day INT

1:00 p.m.: Santiago Joseph Fulton Crow, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m. Joseph Can Kim Dang, RIP-Day INT

*7:30 a.m.: Paul & Mary Dang, INT

8:00 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m.: Daisy Thompson, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Joseph Can Kim Dang, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie OCD, B-day INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. David Guzman, OCD, INT

7 p.m. (Span): Mary Rose Go/Patrick Rosal, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 am: Raymond Reyes, RIP

*7:30 am: Victor Gilberto Arenas, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Leon Grimm, 15th B-Day INT

7:00 pm Honor of St. Jude for Souls in Purg.

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria DeMelo RIP

*7:30 am: John Ramos, INT

8:00 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m.: Roland de la Rosa, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Daisy Thompson, INT

*7:30 am: Katherine Elizabeth Ogaz, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday:

*7:30 am: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family and Philip Tittmann, INT

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road**

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday),

11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and 7:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening Masses (and any other special evening Masses) are all live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness). Links on our website's home page (top left column).

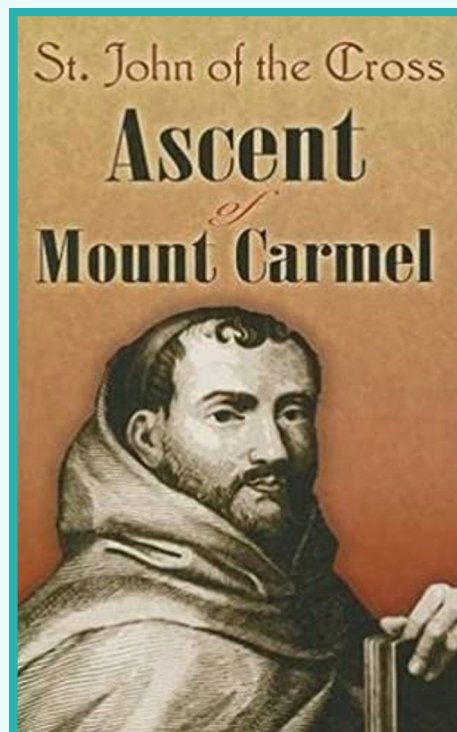
Quiet Listening Prayer

FROM ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

ASCENT OF MT CARMEL

A love of pleasure, and attachment to it, usually fires the will toward the enjoyment of things that give pleasure.

A more intense enkindling of another, better love (love of the soul's Bridegroom) is necessary for the vanquishing of the appetites and the denial of this pleasure.



By finding satisfaction and strength in this love, it will have the courage and constancy to readily deny all other appetites. The love of its Bridegroom is not the only requisite for conquering the strength of the sensitive appetites; an enkindling with urgent longings of love is also necessary. For the sensory appetites are moved and attracted toward sensory objects with such cravings that if the spiritual part of the soul is not fired with other, more urgent longings for spiritual things, the soul will be able neither to overcome the yoke of nature nor to enter the night of sense; nor will it have the courage to live in the darkness of all things by denying its appetites for them (Book I, Chapter 14, No. 2).

PERSONAL ADS

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